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Objectives for the Intelligence Community for Fiscal Year 1976

Substantive Objectives

Provide reliable and timely intelligence, including comprehensive assessments, as an informational basis for U.S. policy formulation, negotiations, and operational decisions on the following priority topics:

1. Soviet policies, intentions, decision making processes, and capabilities for execution of political, security and economic programs, including:

a. the dynamics of and factors affecting decision making by the Soviet leadership, with particular attention to the composition of the leadership.

b. major developments in Soviet military RDT&E and weapon systems deployment.

c. Soviet knowledge of U.S. and Allied negotiating positions and force capabilities affecting the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, the Limited Test Ban Treaty, and possible Mutual Balanced Force Reductions.

d. Soviet compliance with the Strategic Arms Limitation agreements, the Limited Test Ban Treaty, possible Mutual Balanced Force Reduction agreements, and the observance of cease fire or peace treaty arrangements.

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e. Soviet extension of political influence and military power outside of the USSR in areas of security and policy interest to the United States, with particular attention to the Middle East, to the NATO periphery of the USSR and to China.

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2. Policies, intentions, decision making processes, and capabilities of the People's Republic of China in key political, strategic military and economic areas which impact on important interests of the United States, its allies, the USSR, the rest of Asia and the more influential underdeveloped countries.

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3. Developments in the political stability, force capability, and foreign policy inclination of nations in the Middle East, particularly the Persian Gulf states and those directly involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Options for the expansion of Soviet or other non-U.S. involvement or influence in the Middle East.

4. Political and security situations or crises significantly affecting U.S. interests or requiring U.S. action such as:

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a. changes in the politico/military situation in the Eastern Mediterranean,

b. changes in the alignment or political viability of Greece and Turkey,

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- c. changes in the political leadership, domestic situation, or international relations of Portugal and Spain,
 - d. international hostilities not involving U.S. forces,
 - e. a coup against a government closely allied with the United States,
 - f. a major change in the military situation in South East Asia.
5. Major developments in the capability, policies, or weaponry of foreign states affecting their capability to conduct theater nuclear warfare. Major developments in nuclear proliferation, or in the chemical and biological warfare capabilities of foreign states.
6. Major foreign economic developments relevant to U.S. international policy decisions and negotiations, particularly those related to energy resources problems, to the international monetary system and to the dynamics of economic policy formulation

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